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SUBJECT: MARCH 25 EA PRESS SUMMARY

1. INDOCHINA

TRANSCRIPT PRES' 3/24 NEWS CONF IN NYT/SUN; EXTENSIVE
EXCERPTS IN WP. PRES SAID US DOESN'T OWE VN WAR REPARATIONS/
APOLOGY, SINCE DESTRUCTION MUTUAL. DECLINED SAY WHAT MIGHT
BE DECIDED ABOUT US AID AT PROPOSED PARIS TALKS. STATED
WILL CONTINUE SEEK MIA INFO, BUT DIDN'T WANT RAISE FALSE
HOPES (WSJ). SAID WILLING CONSIDER NORMAL AID/TRADE
(ANTEVIL, NYDN). PRES STATED WILL "AGGRESSIVELY MOVE" ON
NORMALIZING RELS W/VN, HOLDING OUT PROSPECT AID/TRADE IN
PLACE DIRECT REPARATION FOR WAR DAMAGE. CONDITION IS VN
GOOD FAITH; SINCE PRES CREDITED HANOI W/DISPLAYING SAME,
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POSSIBLE TALKS WOULD PROCEED MORE QUICKLY THAN GENERALLY
ANTICIPATED (LEWTHWAITE, SUN). CARTER SAID HANOI DROPPED
DEMAND FOR REPARATIONS, HAS DECIDED NOT INSIST ON IMPL-
MENTATION NIXON "AGREEMENT" FOR PAYMENTS (NEIKIRK, CHITRIB).
PRES SAID WOULD "RESPOND WELL" ON QUESTION POSSIBLE ECON
AID FOR VN IF ARRANGED AS PART SUCCESSFUL NEGOTS TO OPEN
NORMAL DIPL RELS. MADE SUBTLE/IMPORTANT SHIFT IN POLICY
FOLLOWING WOODCOCK MISSION REPORT BY SUGGESTING RENEWED
EFFORTS BY VN TO ACCOUNT FOR MIAS WOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO
OPEN DIPL/TRADE RELS, RATHER THAN INSISTING ON FULL MIA

ACCOUNTING FIRST (MOHR, NYT).

SECOND ERROR FOUND IN IDENTITY MIA REMAINS RETURNED BY
VN; 1 US MIA BODY MISIDENTIFIED, EXPERTS FOUND CORRECT
IDENTITY (AP NYT, PHINQ; UPI, WP; NYDN).

2. KOREA

BABCOCK/ARMSTRONG REPORT THAT ACCORDING IRS DOCUMENTS
OBTAINED BY WP, MAJOR US RICE EXPORTER--CONNELL RICE AND
SUGAR CO--PAID TONGSUN PARK NEARLY 8 MILLION DOLS OVER
FOUR YRS (8/72-1/76) IN FEES FOR "ASSISTING" ITS RICE
SALES TO SK THROUGH USDA'S FOOD FOR PEACE PROGRAM.
REPORTERS SAY FIRM PRES CONNELL DENIED IN PHONE CONVERSA-
TION THURS THAT HE KNEW PARK HAD ANY CONNECTION WITH
KOREAN COMPANY WHICH RECEIVED FOOD FOR PEACE MONEY; BUT
CONNELL REFUSED DISCUSS REMAINING 6.3 MILLION PARK
"APPARENTLY RECEIVED IN CONNECTION WITH ORDINARY COMMERCIAL
RICE SALES."

SFO JUDGE GRANTS FIVE FAMILIES 30-DAY CUSTODY OF THEIR
ADULT CHILDREN FOR "DEPROGRAMMING" FROM SUN MYUNG MOON
CULT (WP; NYT'S LEDBETTER).

3. JAPAN

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CHITRIB'S MARGOLIS REPORTS ADMIN SOURCES SAID THURS THAT
JAPAN HAS INDICATED AGREEMENT TO SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTION IN
NUMBER OF LOW-COST TV EXPORTS TO US. SOURCES ADDED THAT
CARTER'S NEW SPECIAL TRADE NEGOTIATOR, ROBERT STRAUSS,
WILL VISIT JAPAN NEXT WEEK TO WORK OUT DETAILS WITH
JAPANESE.

LINDSEY (NYT) REPORTS 2 MOVIE MAKERS--MCA INC'S UNIVERSAL
STUDIOS AND WALT DISNEY PRODUCTIONS--ARE SEEKING COURT
ORDER TO HALT SALE OF SONY'S BETAMAX COLOR TV TAPE
RECORDERS; IN EFFECT, PLAINTIFFS ALLEGE SONY DEVICES MAKE
IT TOO EASY FOR CONSUMERS STEAL THEIR "PROPERTY"--COPY-
RIGHTED MOTION PICTURES/OTHER TV-BROADCAST MATERIAL.

AP (WSJ) REPORTS FUKUDA, IN SFO, SAID HE WILL ENCOURAGE
JAPANESE BUSINESSMEN ENTER JOINT VENTURES IN US; HE
SINGLED OUT CALIFORNIA AS ONE PRIME LOCATION FOR PROJECTS,
AND INDICATED HE ALREADY HAD RECEIVED FAVORABLE REACTIONS
FROM JAPANESE BUSINESSMEN ON INVESTMENT IDEA. SPECIFICALLY
ASKED ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF LOCATING AUTO PLAN IN CALIFOR-
NIA, PM SAID NOT ONLY AUTO MANUFACTURING, BUT TV ASSEMBLY
OR WHATEVER KIND OF INDUSTRY THAT MIGHT COME "WOULD BE
VERY DESIRABLE."

4. CHINA

PRC MOBILIZES AGAINST SEVERE DROUGHT. FACTORIES/OFFICES/
SCHOOLS/PLA UNITS TOLD RELEASE PERSONNEL. INDUSTRY
INSTRUCTED GIVE PRIORITY TO ASSISTING FARMS (REUTER; CSM).

GROC'S CHINESE INFO SERVICE (NYC OFFICE) HAS QUARTER-PG
STATEMENT IN NYT. REFERS TO RECENT PRESS REPORTS ABOUT
COVERT CIA PAYMENTS MENTIONING NAME OF CKS; SEEKS SET
RECORD STRAIGHT ABOUT CKS AND FALSE ACCUSATIONS "ON PART
OF PERSISTENTLY BASE AND CONTEMPTIBLE INTRIGUERS."

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TAIWAN'S CHINA AIRLINES PLANS INAUGURATE WEEKLY TAIPEI/
TOKYO/SFO AIR CARGO SERVICE ON 6/14 (REUTER TAIPEI).

ROC'S MOFA ANNOUNCES SEN GOLDWATER WILL VISIT TAIWAN IN
APRIL (REUTER TAIPEI).

5. INDOCHINA/SINGAPORE

CAMBODIA'S IENG SARY VISITS SINGAPORE. LOW-KEY/INFORMAL
VISIT MARKS 1ST TIME PP LEADER SHOWS SIGN REACHING OUT TO
ANTI-COMMUNIST NEIGHBORS (UPI SINGAPORE 3/24).

6. THAILAND/BURMA

RTG PROTESTS TO GUB OVER SHELLING BORDER VILLAGE WHERE UP
TO 50 KILLED. INCIDENT OCCURRED WHEN BURMESE TROOPS
LAUNCHED ATTACK VS KAREN REBELS (REUTER BANGKOK).

7. PHILIPPINES

JOURNALIST WIDEMAN, FACING DEPORTATION FOR REPORTING ON
GOP, PLAYED TAPE IN COURT OF PRES MARCOS ASSURANCES TO WP'S
MATHEWS THAT NEWSMAN COULD WRITE ARTICLES BORDERING ON
"LIBELOUS" SO LONG AS DID NOT FORM PATTERN INTENDED
OBSTRUCT BASIC GOVT POLICIES (WP).

GOP HOPES RAISE 1 BILLION DOLS IN INTL MKT NEXT YR TO
CONSTRUCT FIRST STAGE INTEGRATED MILL TO MAKE PHILS NEARLY
SELF-SUFFICIENT IN STEEL BY MID-80S (WSJ).

8. INDONESIA/AUSTRALIA

DILLIN (CSM) NOTES QUESTIONS BEING ASKED IN US CONGRESS
RE E TIMOR TAKEOVER; WHETHER TRUE 100,000 MASSACRED; IF
US ARMS USED IN INVASION; IS FIGHTING STILL GOING ON?
QUOTES EA'S OAKLEY THAT, BASED ON AVAILABLE INFO, MASSACRE
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ALLEGATIONS GREATLY EXAGGERATED. NOTES AUSSIE MP DUNN SAID TAKEOVER WAS "BRUTAL OPERATION," GUERRILLA RESISTANCE CONTINUES; CHARGES PUT STRAIN ON GOI-GOA RELS. STATES GOI MFA TOLD AUSSIE AMB WOOLCOTT THAT DUNN MUST NOT TESTIFY TO CONGRESSIONAL SUBCMTE OR ANTI-AUSSIE ATTITUDE COULD BE PROVOKED. ADDS NEITHER US/AUSTRALIA SEEMS ANXIOUS GET INVOLVED.

9. AUSTRALIA/JAPAN

AUSSIE URANIUM CO TELLS 2 JAPANESE UTILITIES WON'T BE ABLE HONOR EXPORT CONTRACTS THIS YR FOR 400 TONS URANIUM, SINCE GOA POLICIES PREVENTED DEVELOPMENT RICH DEPOSIT, TALKS FOUNDERED OVER PLAN SUPPLY URANIUM FROM GOVT STOCKPILE (AP, WSJ).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

10. CHINA

SAFIRE (NYT) FROM PEKING CITES "RESPONSIBLE" PRC FORMIN OFFICIAL AS SEEING NO PROSPECT IMPROVING SINO-SOV RELS, SAYING DOWNFALL "GANG OF FOUR" NO IMPACT FUTURE SINO-SOV RELS. RE CARTER CRITICISM OF SOVS ON HUMAN RTS, OFFICIAL CHARGED SOVS WITH WIDESPREAD OPPRESSION; SAID PRC "COUNTRY WHERE HUMAN RTS BEST OBSERVED"--THAT IN US ONLY 5 PCT POP ENJOYS HUMAN RTS--SO RIDICULOUS CRTICIZE PRC ON THIS POINT. OFFICIAL SAID PRC WOULD GIVE CONSIDERATION TO ANY PROPOSED CARTER VISIT.

DURING 3-HRS INTERVIEW, SAFIRE WAS TOLD NO PROGRESS/ONLY EXCHANGE OF VIEWS IN SINO-SOV BORDER TALKS, THAT THERE'S MUTUAL FEAR BETWEEN SOV/US--RIVALS FOR WORLD HEGEMONY. RE TAIWAN, OFFICIAL RULED OUT POSSIBILITY OF PRC GUARANTEE OF NONINTERFERENCE IN ORDER PAVE WAY NORMALIZATION US-PRC TIES. AFTER INTERVIEW, UNNAMED OFFICIAL ASKED IF AMERICAN UNCLASSIFIED

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PEOPLE WOULD TAKE OFFENSE AT HIS CANDID STATEMENTS. WAS TOLD MORE IMPORTANT US KNOWS WHAT'S ON HIS MIND.

PIERRE M. PERROLLE (DIR WHEATON COLLEGE ASIAN STUDIES/ ASSOCIATE ED "CHINESE LAW AND GOVT") SUGGESTS HUA MAY BE PRC'S STALIN--BUT CAUTIONS AGAINST OVERDRAWING ANALOGY. NOTES SIMILAR PRESUCCESSION CAREERS/POLICIES THEY'VE GIVEN PRIORITY. WITH HUA GIVING PRIORITY ECONMODERNIZATION, COULD SPECULATE PRC'S EGALITARIAN EMPHASIS WILL BE REVERSED JUST AS STALIN POLICIES PROVIDED JUSTIFICATION PRIVILEGED ELITE/REPUDIATION EGALITARIAN IDEALS OF REVOLUTION (CSM).

JOC'S TIER (HK) OPINES SEVERE DROUGHT MAY CAUSE PRC SHARPLY INCREASE GRAIN IMPORTS. NOTES REPORTS RECENT PRC PURCHASE 30,000 TONS SOYBEAN OIL. NO INDICATION PRC, WHICH SUPPLIES BULK HK RICE, PLANS REDUCTION SUPPLIES TO COLONY, BUT DROUGHT MAINLY AFFECTING NORTHERN WHEAT AREAS. CITES OBSERVERS' VIEW THAT PRC'S CANADIAN/AUSTRALIAN PURCHASES HAVE HALLMARKS OF "STOP-GAP EMERGENCY TRANSACTION." ANALYSTS ARE REVISING EARLIER OPTIMISTIC OPINIONS, BUT NOTES PROBLEMS IN ASSESSING EFFECTS OF DROUGHT.

WSJ'S BARRY KRAMER (TAIPEI) NOTES TAIWAN'S SHRINKING DIPLO TIES, BUT CITES PRESENCE BUSTLING "SUB-ROSA" DIPLO COMMUNITY IN TAIPEI AND VARIOUS TAIWAN OFFICES ABROAD. SAYS DESPITE SEVERED DIPLO TIES, TRADE IS THRIVING; JAPAN/TAIWAN ARE 3.5 BILLION-DOL TRADE PARTNERS. SAYS ALTHOUGH RELS WITH WORLD NOT TROUBLE-FREE, TAIWAN HASN'T SUFFERED MUCH: EXPORTS UP 25 PCT IN '76 TO 8 BILLION DOLS; LOANS HAVEN'T BEEN HARD TO GET; TOTAL FORN INVESTMENT IN '76 UP 20 PCT. AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN TOLD BY DOS WHEN US-PRC NORMALIZE RELS, NOTHING WILL BE DONE SERIOUSLY JEOPARDIZE US BUSINESS INTERESTS IN TAIWAN.

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GLOBE'S SNOW (SEOUL) FINDS MOST KOREANS/AMCITS THERE UPSET FOR VARIETY OF REASONS BY CARTER DECISION PULLOUT US FORCES. SAYS US OFFICIALS "ARE RELATIVELY MUTE" FOR NOW, AWAITING FINAL WORD FROM ADMIN; ROKG OFFICIALS "ARE DELIBERATELY SANGUINE" PUBLICLY, IN ORDER NOT CAUSE ALARM. ANTI-GOVT GROUPS ARE PLEASED THAT PLANNED WITHDRAWAL WILL CHANGE THINGS/BREAK UP INTERNAL INERTIA--BUT THEY RECOGNIZE THAT AS US ROLE DIMINISHES, PRES PARK MAY PROVE TOUGHER THAN EVER. OBSERVES WHILE US POLICY-MAKERS POINT TO SK'S MODEL ECON GROWTH AND NK'S FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES AS HELPING JUSTIFY US FORCES WITHDRAWAL, COUNTER TO THIS IS THAT MORE DESPERATE NK IS MORE DANGEROUS NOW, THAT RASH ACT BY KIM IL-SUNG COULD DRAW PRC OR SOVIET INTO ACT "ALMOST IN SPITE OF THEMSELVES."

NYT'S DUNNING REVIEWS "NOVEL" NYC PRESENTATION OF "HAMLET" BY SEOUL'S 17-MEMBER KOREAN DRAMA CENTER--MAKING FIRST TIME KOREAN THEATRE GROUP HAS APPEARED OUTSIDE SK IN 70-YR HISTORY OF KOREAN MODERN THEATRE.

12. INDOCHINA

BRADSHER (WSTAR 3/24) BELIEVES REPORT MADE BY WOODCOCK MISSION CONFLICTS W/PRES' OPTIMISM RE GETTING MORE INFO. QUOTES REPORT THAT HANOI STILL CONTENTS US HAS OBLIGATION PROVIDE AID, RELATES AID TO PROVISION MIA INFO.

SUN SEES PROSPECT EARLY US-VN RAPPROCHEMENT, SINCE BOTH SIDES FIND HAVE NO IRRECONCILABLE DIFFERENCES/NO BASIS FOR CONTINUING ENMITY. REVIEWS WOODCOCK MISSION'S ACHIEVEMENTS/VN'S PROPOSAL FOR PARIS NEGOTS. WARNS US/VN SHOULD AVOID EXCESS EXPECTATIONS. OPINES VN WILL FIND US GENEROUS, PROVIDED AVOIDS CALLING US AID "WAR REPARATIONS."

BROWNING (CSM) BELIEVES RENEWED US-VN TALKS LIKELY BEGIN WITHIN NEXT 2 WKS. SAYS ADMIN WANTS MOVE BRISKLY, BUT VN UNCLASSIFIED

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SEEM NEITHER PREPARED/EAGER MOVE AS QUICKLY. SEES CLEAR SIGNS AID COMPROMISE BREWING.

12. INDONESIA

SIMONS (WP) REVIEWS BIRTH-CONTROL EFFORT/TRANSMIGRATION; NOTES NEITHER HAS EATEN INTO JAVA'S POPULATION GROWTH. QUOTES EXPERT THAT BOOMING GROWTH DUE LARGELY IMPROVED HEALTH CONDITIONS. QUOTES USAID'S REESE THAT FAMILY PLANNING MAKING PROGRESS. CHRISTOPHER

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